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SUBJ: ISRAELI-AFRICAN RELATIONS

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1. WE DISCUSSED REPORTED SENEGALESE INTEREST IN RESTORATION
OF SOME LIMITED FORM OF ISRAELI REPRESENTATION WITH
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTRY KIDRON. IN
RESPONSE TO OUR INQUIRY, KIDRON TOLD US THAT ISRAEL IS NOT
INTERESTED IN RE-ESTABLISHING ANYTHING SHORT OF FULL DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH THOSE BLACK AFRICAN STATES WHICH HAVE BROKEN
THEIR TIES WITH GOI. KIDRON ADDED THAT, EVENTUALITY OF
RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC TIES, ISRAEL PROBABLY WOULD NOT
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SEND RESIDENT AMBASSADORS TO ALL AFRICAN CAPITALS CONCERNED

BUT RATHER ESTABLISH SOME FORM OF MULTIPLE ACCREDITATION.

2. COMMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT KIDRON'S COMMENT TO US REFLECTS ISRAELI CONCERN NOT TO ALLOW BLACK AFRICANS TO USE ISSUE OF THEIR RELATIONS OR LACK THEREOF WITH ISRAEL AS INSTRUMENT TO SHOW THEIRDISAPPROVAL WITH OIL-RICH ARAB STATES FOR FAILURE TO COME THROUGH WITH AID OR BETTER TERMS ON OIL PURCHASES. ISRAELI WILL NOT ALLOW BLACK AFRICANS TO ENGAGE IN GAME OF OFFERING GOI HALF-LOAF OF RE-ESTABLISHING LIMITED RELATIONS AS LEVER ON ARABS TO COME UP WITH MORE AID TO PREVENT RESUMPTION OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT GOI ITSELF IS NOT ADVERSE TO PLAYING SIMILAR KIND OF GAME. GOI DECISION TO INCREASE STATUS OF ITS REPRESENTATION IN SOUTH AFRICA FROM LEGATION HEADED BY CHARGE D'AFFAIRES TO FULL EMBASSY LEVEL (PRETORIA 1008), ANNOUNCED HERE MARCH 10, PROBABLY WAS TAKEN IN PART AS FORM OF PRESSURE ON BLACK AFRICAN STATES TO REASSESS THEIR POLICY RE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE.
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